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- 11. (SBU) Emboff presented USG concerns about the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Line's (IRISL) uninsured fleet to Czech MFA Middle East Department officer Anita Grmelova on February 24. She noted that she was aware of this issue since it has been a topic of discussion within EU fora.
- 12. (C) Grmelova indicated that these discussions have focused on potential additional EU sanctions against Iran targeting the Iranian energy and transportation industries. She noted that the EU plans to see how things develop within the United Nations first, before they consider adopting additional EU measures. Grmelova thanked emboff for our details and stated that the MFA would notify the relevant entities within the Czech insurance industry. Thompson-Jones